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In Re U.S. Patent Application Of:  
Kok-Hwee Ng et al.

Application No. 09/865,052

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For: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
CONVERTING AN EXISTING  
BLOOD COLLECTION INSTRUMENT'S  
COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Preliminary Amendment. in a form required under amended rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. Accordingly, one (1) sheet containing the marked-up specification is attached hereto as Appendix A.

**AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please delete the title, and insert therefor:

-- A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR NETWORKING BLOOD COLLECTION INSTRUMENTS  
WITHIN A BLOOD COLLECTION FACILITY--

Please delete paragraph 2 at page 1, lines 5-7, and insert therefor:

**-- Related Application**

This claims the benefit of Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/287,122, filed April  
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